



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6287

House of Representatives, March 3, 2009

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CASH PRIZES FOR BLOWER BALL GAMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-177 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) All prizes given at any bazaar or raffle shall be merchandise,
4 tangible personal property or a ticket, coupon or gift certificate,
5 entitling the winner to merchandise, tangible personal property,
6 services, transportation on a common carrier by land, water or air and
7 to any tour facilities provided in connection therewith, or to
8 participation in a lottery conducted under chapter 226. Such ticket,
9 coupon or gift certificate shall not be refundable or transferable. No
10 cash prizes or prizes consisting of alcoholic liquor shall be given,
11 except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and section 7-177a,
12 and no prize shall be redeemed or redeemable for cash, except tickets
13 for a lottery conducted under chapter 226. For the purposes of this
14 section, coins whose trading value exceeds their face value and coins

15 not commonly in circulation shall not be deemed a cash prize.

16 (b) Any sponsoring organization authorized to conduct a bazaar
17 pursuant to section 7-172 may award cash prizes not to exceed fifty
18 dollars each in connection with the playing of a blower ball game.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	from passage	7-177
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the last line, the quotation marks around "blower ball" were deleted for proper format.

PS Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Spec. Revenue, Div. of	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill allows organizations authorized to conduct bazaars to award cash prizes of up to \$50 for "blower ball" games. The regulation of such games is already accommodated for within the current budget of the Division of Special Revenue.

The Out Years

There is no anticipated fiscal impact in the out years.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6287****AN ACT AUTHORIZING CASH PRIZES FOR BLOWER BALL GAMES.****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows organizations authorized to conduct bazaars to award cash prizes of up to \$50 for “blower ball” games. (The bill does not define “blower ball” games.) Under current law, they may award cash prizes for frog-race, duck-race, and cow-chip raffles; other traditional raffles; and fifty-fifty coupon games.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Passage

ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAY CONDUCT BAZAARS AND RAFFLES

The law allows the following to conduct, operate, or sponsor bazaars or raffles if the town where they are located has adopted the Bazaar and Raffle Act: veterans,’ religious, civic, fraternal, educational, and charitable organizations; volunteer fire companies; and political parties and their town committees. Raffles may also be promoted and conducted if sponsored by the town acting through a designated centennial, bicentennial, or other centennial celebration committee. To conduct a bazaar or raffle, an organization must have a local permit.

Only the sponsoring organization’s qualified members age 18 or older may promote, operate, or work at bazaars and raffles. And people under age 16 may not sell or promote raffle tickets.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (02/17/2009)

